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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: P-3 FLIGHTS OUT OF SINGAPORE

REF: STATE 095686 (DTG 140007Z APR 78)

1. THE MAY 2 EDITION OF THE "FINANCIAL REVIEW" CONTAINED AN ARTILCE BY JUDITH HOARE ALLEGING THAT A SECRET AGREE-
MENT HAD JUST BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SINGAPORE...
WHICH "PROVIDES FOR THE USE OF SINGAPORE FACILITIES TO
PROVIDE ADDED SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN."
THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT THE AGREEMENT INITIALLY
ENVISAGES FOUR MARITIME AIR PATROLS A MONTH, STEPPING UP
FROM EIGHT TO 12 AT THE LATER DATE. "THESE SURVEILLANCE
OPERATIONS WILL BE AN EXTENSION OF THOSE NOW UNDERTAKEN
FROM THE U.S. BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA." THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES:
"THE AGREEMENT WILL NO DOUBT BE WELCOMED BY THE
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AS A SIGN OF U.S. COMMITMENT
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TO HER ALLIES IN THE SOUTH EAST ASIAN REGION."

2. WE WILL USE CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN
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